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Chitooligosaccharides to Initiate Early  
Flowering and Fruit Development and  
Related Methods and Compositions**

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.